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Thirteen-year-old Cathal Kavanagh's whole life is turned upside down when his parents and brother die tragically and he has to move to the remote countryside of County Kerry in south-western Ireland to live with his grandfather.

As he struggles to come to terms with his personal grief and pain and living with a grandfather he barely knows, Cathal finds himself caught up in a world of secrecy, mystery and danger, with strange threats, strange characters and even stranger nocturnal happenings.

Unable to sleep at night, from his bedroom window he notices that there is unusual activity taking place under the cover of darkness at Killcrown Pier. He is determined to find out exactly what is going on, even if he has to go to extraordinary lengths to do so. Amidst all of this, Cathal must try to fit into a hostile new school environment and when he strikes up a friendship with the roguish Shanahan brothers, things get even more complicated.

This novel charts one boy's journey from the security of living with his family into a new world of challenge and adventure where he quickly has to learn who can and can't be trusted and where fear and courage fight for supremacy as Cathal negotiates his way around his new life.



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